Woodbury County Board of Supervisors
Agenda Item(s) Request Form

Date: 08/27/2026 **Weekly Agenda Date:** 09/01/2026

Elected Official / Department Head / Citizen: Daniel Bittinger / Anna Bertrand (Citizen)

Wording for Agenda Item:

Sky Ranch Behavioral Services (SRBS) Opioid Funding Request

Action Required:

Approve Ordinance ☐ Approve Resolution ☐ Approve Motion ☑

Hold Public Hearing ☐ Informational ☐ Attachments ☐

Set Time _____

Reviewed by County Attorney's Office ☐

Background & Financial Impact:

SRBS has successfully extended the impact of the first year of Opioid Remediation funding from November 2024 through summer 2026. Through strategic implementation, strong community partnerships, and careful fiscal management, SRBS maximized the County's investment while building sustainable infrastructure to support individuals and families impacted by substance use disorders. As a result of this funding, individuals involved in the criminal justice system engaged in peer recovery coaching services through partnerships including Family Treatment Court and Juvenile Drug Court, supporting recovery, family stability, and reduced barriers to treatment. SRBS also established and expanded Open Access services throughout Siouxland, increasing awareness of and access to behavioral health services. To date, approximately 41 individuals and families have participated in peer recovery coaching; over 115 youth, adults, and/or families have received screening, assessment, and/or navigation services; and more than 500 community members and over 35 agencies have received information, consultation, referral support, and access to behavioral health and recovery resources.
SRBS presented an informational overview of the program and its progress to the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors on July 7, 2026. The Opioid Remediation Funding Overview provided to the Board included program accomplishments, success stories, community impact, and the proposed bridge-to-sustainability strategy. These materials demonstrated the impact of the County's investment and the continued need for funding to maintain services while longer-term sustainable funding mechanisms are finalized.
The request for Year 2 funding remains aligned with SRBS's originally proposed plan and is intended to maintain continuity of services while continuing progress toward long-term sustainability. Year 2 funding will support the continued operation of peer recovery coaching and Open Access navigation services while SRBS further integrates peer recovery coaching into reimbursable funding streams and solidifies a sustainable long-term Open Access presence in Siouxland. This investment will help ensure continued barrier-free access to timely behavioral health screening, assessment, navigation, referral, treatment engagement, and recovery support services for youth, adults, and families across the region.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors approve Year 2 Opioid Remediation funding for Sky Ranch Behavioral Services in the amount of $181,986, effective July 1, 2026. SRBS will continue to provide progress and outcomes information to the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors, including program utilization, outcomes achieved, community impact, sustainability progress, and return on investment. A comprehensive final report will also be submitted at the conclusion of the Year 2 funding period.

Approved by Board of Supervisors on March 17, 2026